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SUBJECT: MULTIPLE CROPPING -- HIGHLANDS

1. USDA HAS PROPOSED USING CCINC FUNDS FOR PLACING CONTRACT WITH FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE, CHIANG MAI UNIVERSITY. AMOUNT OF 3-YEAR CONTRACT WOULD BE \$149,216.

2. USDA BELIEVES MULTIPLE CROPPING WHICH HAS BEEN MOST SUCCESSFUL IN TAIWAN, SOUTH KOREA AND INDIA SHOULD BE EXPLORED FOR MOUNTAINOUS REGIONS OF NORTHERN THAILAND. MOST OF RESEARCH NOW UNDERWAY IN THAILAND IS CONCERNED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY WITH INDIVIDUAL CROPS AND THEIR PRODUCTION PROBLEMS. USDA BELIEVES IT IS NOW TIME TO BEGIN WORKING WITH THESE CROPS AS ELEMENTS IN MULTIPLE CROPPING AND ROTATION SYSTEMS.

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3. WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION'S COMMENT ON THIS PROPOSED CONTRACT ASAP AND WHETHER IT CONFLICTS IN ANY WAY WITH THE OTHER ON-GOING OR PROPOSED PROGRAMS. IF MISSION AFTER REVIEW FINDS THIS PROJECT DESIRABLE, S/NM WOULD TRANSFER FUNDS FOR THIS CONTRACT TO USDA. INGERSOLL

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